

## Bursum Seems To Be A Sure Winner

Has Advantage of Thorough Organization, Good Leadership and Adequate Campaign Financing

DEMOCRATS ARE DISORGANIZED

At State Convention Last Week at Albuquerque the Unaffiliated Seemed Afflicted with Hookworm

The Graphic is supporting Senator Holm O. Bursum for re-election because it is the general belief that he can and will represent New Mexico in an adequate way. Senator Bursum knows the needs of the state from long experience and association. He is a New Mexican in the fullest sense of the word and has demonstrated a capacity of service that has been sadly lacking heretofore. In the short time that he has been in the Senate he has made a record for himself that makes him the outstanding political figure in New Mexico.

Senator Bursum has one trait of character that has brought him through many a political battle of varying fortune—that characteristic is honesty. This is a rare attribute among politicians. Once Senator Bursum gives his word the performance follows in natural course and it is so accepted among his political enemies as well as his friends. This has brought into his following men of every faction and has won for him the support of many in the democratic ranks. He is a man to tie to.

The Republican candidate is thoroughly a man of the people and from them he has drawn stability of character that makes him a leader of marked ability. He is by no means brilliant or known for cultural attainments. Physically and mentally he is rough-hewn and as solid as the granite of the New Mexico hills. Without oratorical polish he yet holds his hearers in the councils of the party because his advice, based on experience, is well worth listening to. He always has something worth while to say and he says it in most simple terms. He can be understood by the common people as well as by the intellectuals.

Senator Bursum has been accused of fraternizing with certain corrupt interests and of making friends with dishonest politicians. He is a practical politician and, while he believes in and practices political honesty, he pays the game according to the rules in order to win a decision, using the means at hand. He has been asked to repudiate certain persons accused of corruption. He believes that it is not just nor honest to cast aside the friends who have helped him until the charges are proved, in order to win the support of idealists of uncertain temperament. To do so would be political suicide. In the end he has gathered to himself the support of the radicals without yielding to their irrational demands, because they have come to believe that Senator Bursum is honest and faithful to those who have fought with him. Hence he has the opportunity of serving all the people as well as his own political interests.

With the chaos of a war-wrecked world to bring into order, is not idealists the voters seek. Democracy, the political faith of idealism, has by no means lost its attraction, but democracy in New Mexico today will not be intrusted with the work of reconstruction. The party is lacking in sound leadership and in enthusiasm, as well as demonstrated at the state convention at Albuquerque. Into the more "barbaric" if you will, but stronger hands the labor of rebuilding is to be intrusted. With the ornamentation of the new structure democracy may again come into its own. But just now there is work to do, delving in the soil to lay a solid foundation for political and financial institutions.

Senator Bursum has the strength and courage to do his part in this necessary but rather unlovely building. His hands and his brains are well fitted for the work in hand and the Graphic predicts that he will shortly hold a commission from the voters of New Mexico to do it.

Former Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock was in Deming between trains Sunday en route to Silver City.

## LOCAL ITEMS

O. E. Lindloff is reported to be the latest applicant for the local postmaster ship. There are now about nine known applicants.

Leonard Orr and wife are visiting with Mr. Orr's mother.

Sol Carragien and wife rolled in from Arizona last week and will again engage in the movie business in Deming. The Carragien are confirmed movie magnets and seem to have a sentimental liking for Deming.

Issac Stevens, brother of Mrs. Mary Hudson, is in the city from Clifton, Arizona, for a short visit with his sister. Mr. Stevens removed from Silver City to Clifton fifty years ago. He is therefore a pioneer of this section.

R. L. Carlin a veteran of the Philippine border and world wars, was in the city last week visiting with some of his old bunkies. He is en route to Fort Bayard.

James Lennox and family are back from the middle west with the intention of again making their home here.

The dance and barbecue at the J. W. Phillips ranch last Saturday night was a great success from all reports.

Don't forget that Troop C will hold its first benefit dance tomorrow night at the Armory.

### GIVES SENTENCE

Judge R. R. Ryan last Saturday sentenced three prisoners who had pleaded guilty to an information. James A. Valentine was given a sentence of from two to three years in the state reform school for the robbery of the Luther McDougal homestead. The other two prisoners were from Grant county.

### MEETING TOMORROW

There will be a meeting tomorrow afternoon of the Disabled Veterans club of Deming at the Booster club rooms over the Princess Theatre.

## Republicans Who Represented Co.

Luna county was represented at the Republican state convention by H. H. Williams and the first day by R. F. Hamilton. John Noonan arrived on the scene the day after the convention closed. Mr. Hamilton was recalled to Deming on business and Mr. Noonan was held up by the flood at Hatch. Mr. Williams made an impressive speech when he said: "Luna county casts eight votes for Bursum."

As the Graphic editor was not invited to sit with the Luna county delegates from Luna county couldn't be bothered by the editor of the only Republican newspaper in Luna county.

### BOARD OF REGISTRATION

The Luna county board of registration are in session in every precinct. The books will be open each Saturday until September 10. The local board is in session in the Baker building. In order to vote without difficulty Sept. 20, it is necessary for every voter to be registered.

Foster Atkins is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Foster Thompson, at Tempo, Fla. The Thompsons were former residents of Deming.

Mr. and Mrs. Zene Mason are in the city visiting with friends, having driven up from El Paso last week.

## TOWN OF HATCH IS WRECKED BY FLOOD

The Graphic editor rode through Hatch two days after it had been destroyed by floods from the Riocon canyon. Before the flood the village was one of the beauty spots on the Deming to Albuquerque road. Evidently its citizens numbering perhaps a hundred persons took a great pride in their village. The houses were pretty adobe bungalows built in the usual style and nicely painted. Trees, grass and flowers made it a veritable oasis for the traveler over the desert road. It was a farm trading point with corn and alfalfa fields stretching away from the village for miles around. There was a bank, general store, post office, drug store, restaurant and several store houses for hay and grain.

When the flood came it melted down the adobe walls as though they had been of sugar and the roofs fell with them, only the shelving in one store held up the roof, the merchandise being exposed on every side; hay and articles of household furniture drifted about in the sluggish current. The inhabitants had been taken care of on the neighboring hills and when the train passed through slowly over the softened roadbed they were wading about or floating on rafts recovering such of their possessions as had not been swept away or ruined by the water.

The village had been enclosed in a little basin made by irrigation ditches and the railroad embankment and the water could not be immediately drained off because the farmers would not allow the embankments to be cut, thereby flooding out their crops now in an advanced stage of growth.

It is understood that the reclamation engineers have succeeded in cutting a drain somewhere in the broken lands below the town, but on account of the heavy growth of water plants the water can only be drawn

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## DEMING IS DEFEATED IN FAST BALL GAME

Deming was defeated, Sunday afternoon by the Fort Bayard nine by a score of 4 to 3. It took Fort Bayard 11 innings to finish the game.

The local boys made six errors and if Bayard had been able to take advantage of them they should have made quite a few more runs.

Wilson is new at short, but after he gets a little better acquainted with the position we look for him to make one of the fastest fielders around here.

Coreyell was going good striking out 11 men in nine innings and allowing only six hits.

Holtkamp tied the score up in the ninth inning when he made a clean single to right field and stole second third and home bases. Ramsey claimed this run did not count because Clark had struck at the ball and it got away from Patterson and Holtkamp had crossed the plate before Patterson could find it. After looking at the rules, Sage decided that the runner was safe and Fort Bayard put in a protest.

For the class of ball the boys put up Sunday the Deming fans are sure not giving them much support and it is to be hoped that every one will turn out next Sunday for the Lordsburg game.

The score:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
Deming 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0  
Fort Bayard 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 1

R. H. E.  
Fort Bayard 4 9 0  
Deming 3 6 6

Batteries—Deming, Coreyell, Gassaway, Hughes. Fort Bayard: Green, Willis, Patterson.

Home runs: Mc Dougal; Three base hit Quintin, Dempsey; Struck out by Coreyell, 11; Gassaway, one; Green 9; Willis 4; Hits off Coreyell 6; Gassaway three; Green four; Willis two. Hit by pitcher: Clark. Walked by pitcher: Hughes, Ramsey, Stanley. Umpire: Sage. Time of game: 2:29.

## Richard R. Hanna Democratic Choice

Richard R. Hanna who has accepted the nomination for senator on the Democratic ticket, conditioned upon the delivery of \$20,000 to the campaign fund, is a clean, honest and capable and is a worthy standard bearer for his party. He sincerely believes the past and present "rotten" conditions. He is in earnest in his conviction and fearlessness of consequences in urging their righteousness.

But evidently Judge Hanna has only a passing acquaintance with advertising principles. From his speech, in which he at first declined the nomination. The Graphic editor gathers that the Democratic candidate will attempt to expose the conditions which he knows only too well. This leads quite naturally to a campaign of persona abuse and scurrilous attacks on Republican groups. In this lies his error in "selling himself" to the voters of New Mexico. Nobody cares about the past and believes that public men in the old days were either corrupt or that they had traffic with corruptionists. The voters want to know what candidates themselves will do if elected in a practical effort to better conditions in the state.

Senator Bursum recites the legislation he has fathered and promises his best efforts to the people in a business like speech in which are mentioned the specific acts intended to accomplish the ends sought. There was no mention, practically speaking, of the Democratic party and no attack on its leaders. This is the positive principle in advertising or selling. Judging from the last campaign and the promise of Judge Hanna to expose the dishonesty of the Republican rule, the Democrats will adopt the negative principle in advertising and selling and in so doing they give the advantage at the outset to their opponents.

When Judge Hanna visited Deming in the last campaign he succeeded in cutting the Democratic majority in half in an ill-advised attack on John Sully and W. D. Murray—home folks that are very well known in the community. He was ably assisted in losing the votes by that funny fellow R. E. Putney of "rotten-prune" fame. Mr. Putney was not at the Democratic con-

vention and evidently will remain in sunny California until the storm ceases on September 20.

It is a curious fact that any reformers and idealists are only such for the other fellow, on a matter of principle rather than practice. It is also of interest to realize that the ultra-honest are often when in control, the unfortunate source of the worst kind of corruption and maladministration. The Republican party is conservative, believes in keeping within the law and with it all, its capitalistic tendencies, usually is given the task of mending economic conditions put out of joint under Democratic periods of idealism. The voters want those in power who will reduce the economic conditions that cramp the steps of commerce, induced by wearing the ill-chosen and ill-fitting Democratic fairy slippers.

Many ideals slip by the wayside in life advances. Their loss is a cause of regret and the source of cynical pondering of things as they are and as they ought to be. While "man lives not by bread alone" it would seem that good white loaves are a comforting component of every day fare for everybody. "Du pain," was the first French revolutionary shibboleth. And today men are crying for bread, women grown for lack of it and little children plead in vain for its nourishment.

The Republican party in the nation and in the state promises a good business administration by men who have proved their business capacity in practice. Senator Bursum is such a man and Hanna only suffers in this particular in comparison with his opponent. He nor his party can finance a campaign in the state and it is hardly likely that the voters will send him to the senate to join a Republican Congress in the work of refinancing a great nation, whose industries are the despair of the best business brains of America.

The democrats off Deming held a call last night at the county court house.

## Hood Sikes Killed Chas. Woudned

### N. M. N. G. Notes

Troop C will give its first dance tomorrow night at the Armory. The Sandstorm jazz orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and the troop members will be on hand in uniform with their ladies. The public is invited to share the joys of the occasion. The proceeds of the dance will go into the troop fund the creation of which will mean much to the organization when it goes to Fort Bliss next October.

Supply Sergeant William B. Freeman is serving the men with one of each of the following: breeches, hat pair shoes, etc. and the boys are blooming out for the benefit of the girls.

Lag Friday night Major Swope inducted the bunch into the mysteries of paratyphoid prophylaxis. There are three "shots" to be taken and must be completed within thirty days. Troops are never taken into the field without being made immune to typhoid that is most commonly contracted by drinking polluted water. Due to the purity of the new serum no member of the troop has suffered indisposition though the incision of the needle which usually causes the arm muscle to become somewhat stiff for a day or two.

Captain Ely inspected the horses and stables of the Santa Fe and Albuquerque cavalry units last week and reports that the equipment is much better than expected. Albuquerque has had horses for six months, large fine percherons of the light artillery type, rolling fat and so gentle that they crowd around the visitors like dogs. Lockers were placed in the Armory

last week by Lieutenant Sage, one for each man, in which the individual equipment will be kept. The library will soon remove to other quarters when the lockers will go into the locker room adjacent to the barracks.

Attendance at drills continue to be good and recruiting has placed the troop at almost required strength.

The building or lease of stables has been authorized by the adjutant general and the public is invited to list lots or stables for lease or sale to the commanding officer of the troop.

## Features At Both Conventions Held

After observing the conduct of the Republican state convention at Santa Fe and the Democratic state convention at Albuquerque, the Graphic editor cannot help but predict victory for Senator Bursum.

All the advantage that through organization, adequate financing and enthusiasm can give the Republicans have.

All the disadvantages of disorganization, inadequate financing and lack of popular support the Democrats have to contend with.

The talk of Republican defections in Valencia, Otero, Dona Ana, San Miguel and Bernalillo counties is mostly idle gossip. While the differences in these counties cannot be denied they are but ripples on the placid and well-oiled Republican pond. The convention at Santa Fe was almost solidly for Senator Bursum as candidate for re-election to the Senate and such an unpleasant subject as "money" was never once mentioned. The Republican forces know exactly what they are doing and have all the means at their disposal for doing it.

In contrast with the Democratic convention at Albuquerque bent all its energies to find a candidate who would make the race and then to get together a few paltry dollars to maintain headquarters and to conduct some sort of campaign. It was not until late Thursday night that the Democrats succeeded in getting a "victim" the sacrifice being asked of R. H. Hanna, who declined with thanks and said frankly that he could not afford to finance another campaign. The defe-

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Second Tragedy in Fight for Watering Place on "S. L. C." Ranches Near Lake Valley Thursday

JOHN SIKES WAS FIRST VICTIM

Coroner's Jury Found That Dead Man "Came to His Death at Hands of Parties in Self-defense"

Hood Sikes was killed and Charles Sikes shot four times in the second episode in the range war last Thursday morning about 10 o'clock on the "S. L. C." ranches 8 miles northwest of Natt station. John Sikes had been killed several months ago in the same spot which is the site of one of the Natt and Latham wells claimed by the Sikes family.

The gun battle began, according to testimony given before Coroner William Kiel at Lake Valley when Charles Sikes, Hood Sikes, R. Sikes and Lane Sikes rode to the watering place with guns drawn to prevent the erection of a windmill that had been torn down before the fight in which John Sikes was killed by Luther Wright. The four members of the Sikes family were met by Pryor Nunn, Luther Wright, J. Barnette and son, Emmet Nunn, Carl Collins and a colored man known as "Nigger John." Carl Collins was in charge of the workmen engaged in repairing the windmill and took no part in the fight. When the firing began, Hood Sikes fell and Lane Sikes was thrown from his horse and was supposed to have been shot. Later it proved that he had only been knocked unconscious by the fall. R. Sikes and Charles Sikes fled.

Luther Wright rode to Lake Valley and telephoned for Dr. Hatcher and Dr. Steel at Hillsboro. Lane Sikes laid in the sun from 10 o'clock in the morning when the shooting took place until late in the afternoon and was aroused by Judge Kiel in charge of the coroner's jury. Charles Sikes will recover, it is believed.

The coroner's jury found that "Hood Sikes came to his death at the hands of parties acting in self-defense." Those who engaged in the gun battle were released on their own recognizance for a preliminary hearing to be held at Lake Valley before Judge Kiel tomorrow.

The second killing followed as a natural consequence of the first and it is freely predicted that the end of the bloodshed is not yet in sight. Both parties to the feud are determined and the fact that the issues have been carried to courts by no means has prevented the waging of battle after the accepted fashion of the old days of the frontier.

W. D. MURRAY SAYS: "RAISE SPUDS"

W. D. Murray, president of the Deming National Bank and of Murray & Layne, wholesale grocery firm, says that Minibers Valley farmers cannot do better than raise Irish potatoes as a principal crop. The high freight rate and the excellent market through the wholesale grocers of this point, will protect the farmers in a reasonable profit even in the poorest years. The freight rate from Colorado is 90 cents per hundred pounds and from California points \$1.21.

Mr. Murray calls attention to the excellent quality of the local product, its good keeping qualities and high yield. He says that his company could handle practically the entire crop.

DEMING SWIMMING POOL IS GREAT INSTITUTION

Visitors to Deming are enthusiastic in their praise of the Deming swimming pool conducted by Community Service, Inc. In fact large parties from neighboring cities and towns motor here and enjoy the luxury of a dip in the pool. Local citizens patronize it largely but not to the extent which they should. Many seem to think that the pool is a source of infection. This has never been shown and with the excellent equipment for cleaning it is hardly likely that it will become the breeding place of disease.

Miss Lenore Miller will teach in the Las Cruces schools this winter.